

Application No. 09/916,715

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In the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] This application is related to commonly owned U.S. Patent Application Number 09/451,395, entitled "FIFO-BASED NETWORK INTERFACE SUPPORTING OUT-OF-ORDER PROCESSING", filed 30 November 1999, inventors Chi-Lie Wang, Li-Jau Yang, Ngo Thanh Ho; and commonly owned U.S. Patent Application Number 09/916,377 [\_\_\_\_\_], entitled "NETWORK INTERFACE SUPPORTING OF VIRTUAL PATHS SUPPORTING QUALITY OF SERVICE", filed on ~~the same day as the present application~~ 27 July 2001, by inventors Chi-Lie Wang, Li-Jau Yang, Kap Soh and Chin-Li Mou.

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